

D1 18. (Twice Amended) The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 33, wherein the dimerdiol ester is of a monocarboxylic acid having 10 to 32 carbon atoms.

D2 20. (Amended) The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 18, wherein the monocarboxylic acid comprises a linear unsaturated fatty acid having 10 to 32 carbon atoms.

D3 29. (Amended) A cosmetic or an external agent comprising a dimerdiol ester of a monocarboxylic acid having 10 to 32 carbon atoms and/or a dimerdiol ester of a dicarboxylic acid.

Please add the following new claim:

D4 33. (new) A cosmetic or an external agent comprising a dimerdiol ester of a monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of linear saturated acids having 4 to 34 carbon atoms, branched fatty acids having 4 to 34 carbon atoms, linear unsaturated acids having 10 to 32 carbon atoms, hydroxy acids having 4 to 34 carbon atoms and cyclic acids having 4 to 34 carbon atoms, selected from the group consisting of cyclohexanoic acid, hydrogenated rosin, rosin, abietic acid, hydrogenated abietic acid, benzoic acid, p-oxybenzoic acid, p-aminobenzoic acid, salicylic acid, gallic acid, pyrrolidonecarboxylic acid and nicotinic acid; and/or a dimerdiol ester of a dicarboxylic acid.

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